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Montana Senate Judiciary Committee
Senate Bill 318

I am John McKenna of Bozeman, Montana. I am here today as a lifetime resident of Montana, a pilot for over 35 years. A pilot who utilizes aircraft in this state for both work and pleasure.

Today I am talking to you as the President of the Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF). The RAF was founded in MT & remains Montana based.

Our mission is to preserve, enhance, and promote recreational flying opportunities here in our state as well across the country. Montana contains many special places that aviators share with friends and family. These places are enjoyed by many here in our own state, as well as others from around the country.

The RAF is not only working hard to preserve & take care of places, such as Schafer Meadows, Benchmark, and other existing public airstrips, but also to acquire private properties that will be open to the public.

This bill that is before you, to amend the existing Recreational Use Statutes legislation is important to the future of aviation and MT.

We would appreciate a Do Pass from this committee.

Thank you,